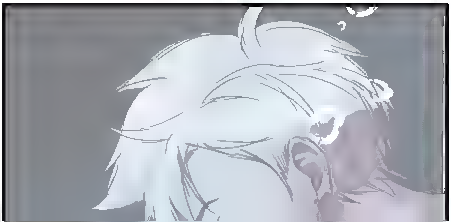
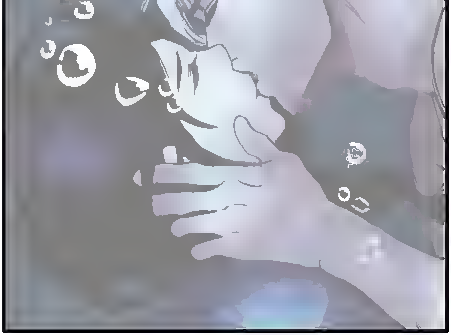
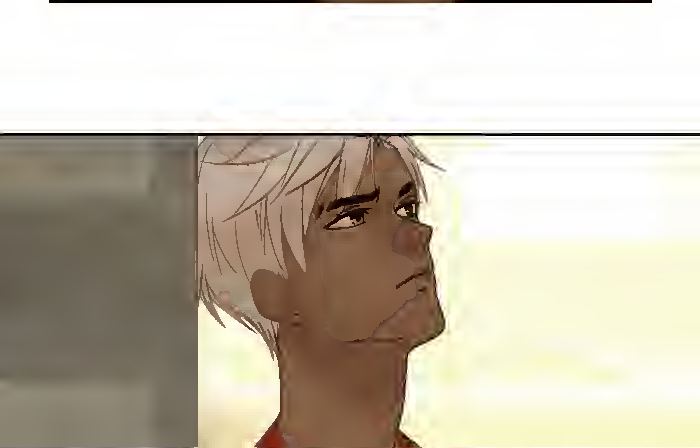
Please have your sound on for this chapter

OF ALL THE PEOPLE...







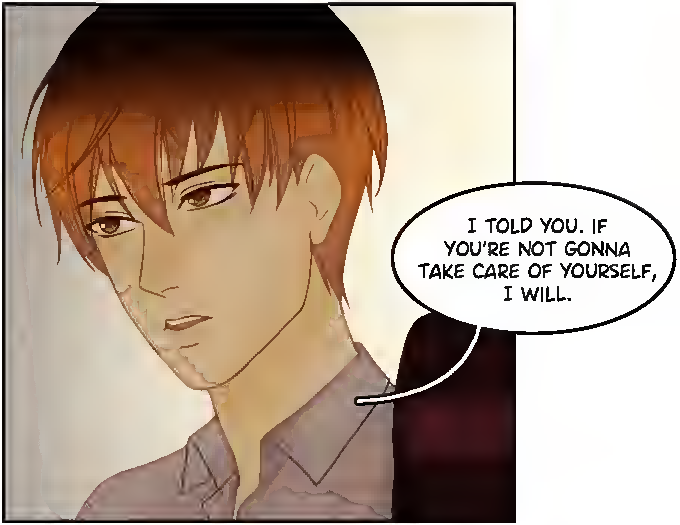
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE YOU?

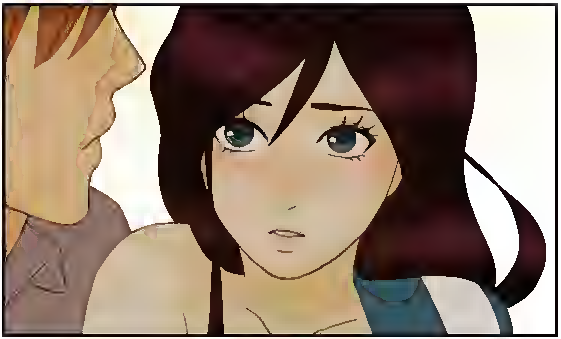
Siren's Lament

EPISODE 40: THE THINGS UNSAID

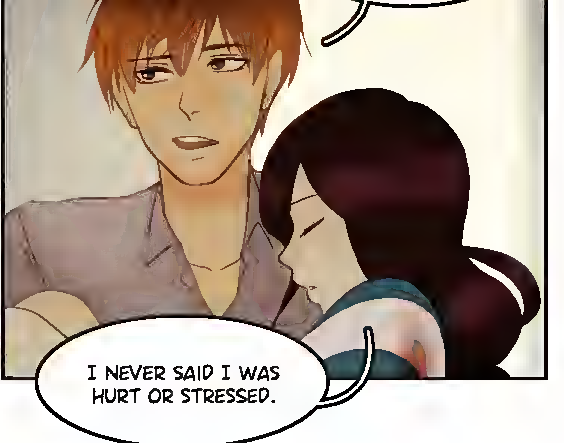
SHON-

I DIDN'T HURT MY LEGS, YOU KNOW. YOU CAN PUT ME DOWN.


I TOLD YOU. IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, I WILL.



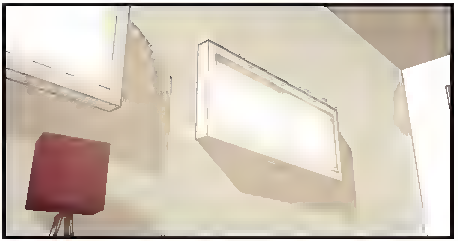
GEE... I DIDN'T KNOW THAT INCLUDED YOU WALKING FOR ME.
HAR-HAR. YOU KNOW... RELYING ON SOMEONE WHEN YOU'RE FEELING HURT OR STRESSED DOESN'T MAKE YOU ANY LESS OF A STRONG PERSON, LYR.

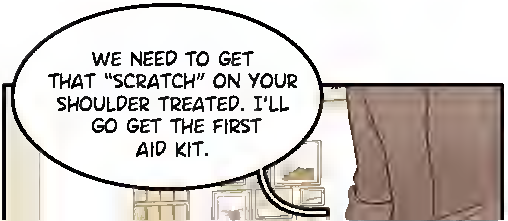

I NEVER SAID I WAS HURT OR STRESSED.

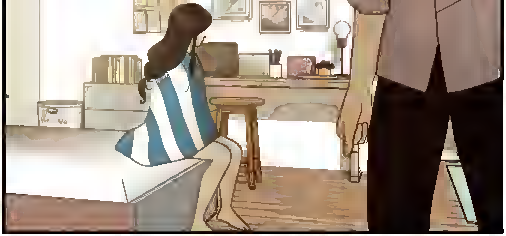
...I KNOW.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU AREN'T HURT.

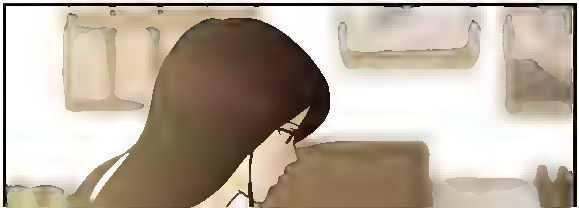
LYRA... IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT TO ME, THAT'S FINE.

BUT THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF.



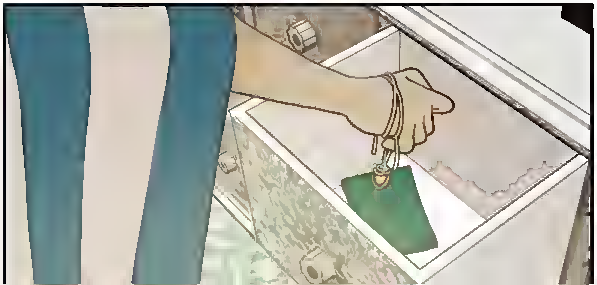

WE NEED TO GET THAT "SCRATCH" ON YOUR SHOULDER TREATED. I'LL GO GET THE FIRST AID KIT.





THE FLOWER SHOP IS ALL I'VE
EVER KNOWN.

"WELCOME"



"HOW CAN I
HELP YOU?"

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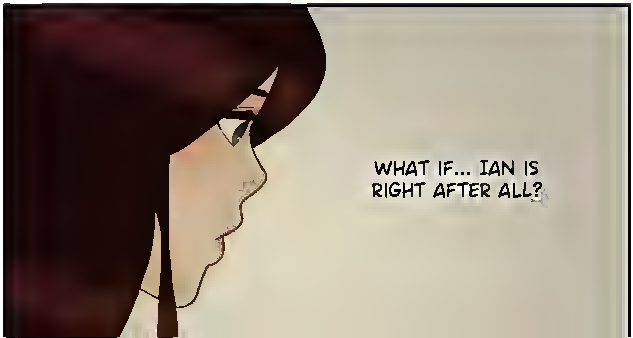
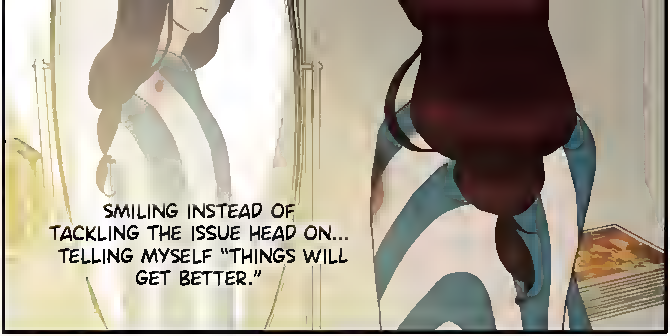
"HAVE A NICE DAY..."

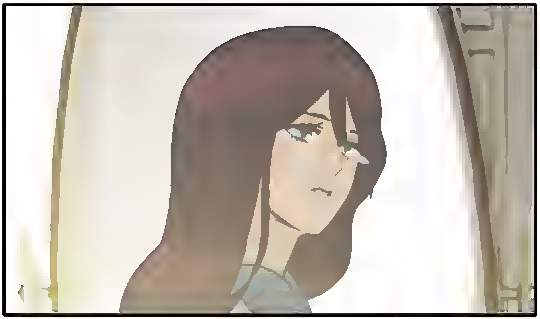

WHAT IF... IAN IS
RIGHT AFTER ALL?

MAYBE I'VE CREATED A WALL FOR MYSELF... TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN NO LONGER TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORKING AND SERVICING OTHERS... AND WHAT IT MEANS TO PUT MYSELF FIRST.

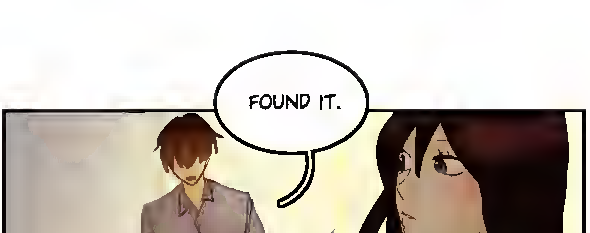
I'M ALWAYS PRETENDING... PUTTING ON A FACE FOR MYSELF LIKE I DO FOR MY CUSTOMERS.

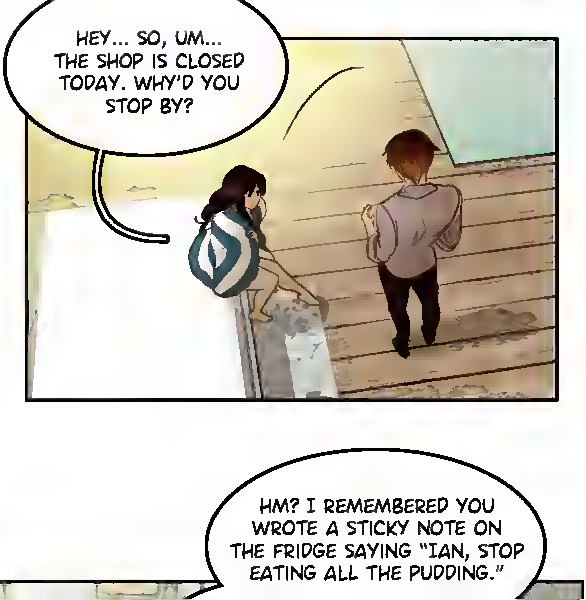

SMILING INSTEAD OF TACKLING THE ISSUE HEAD ON... TELLING MYSELF "THINGS WILL GET BETTER."

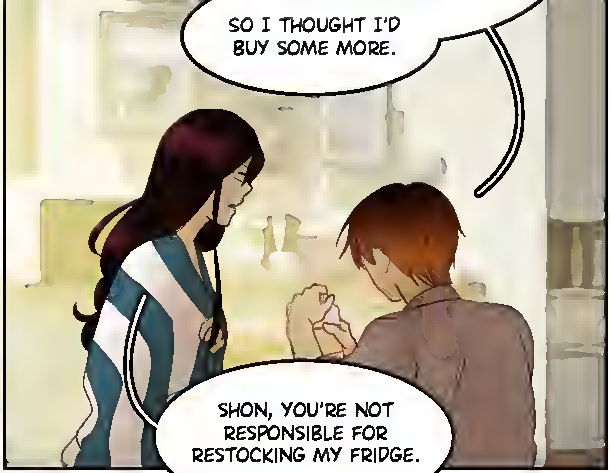
BUT...



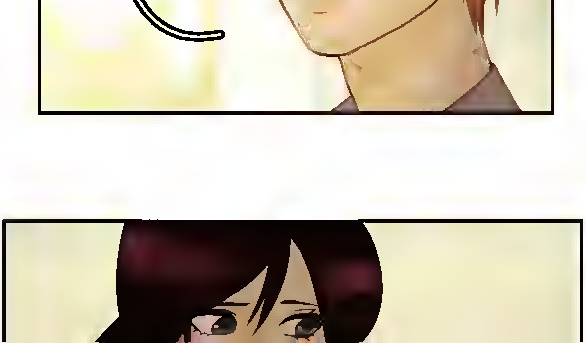
WHERE HAS THAT GOTTEN ME
SO FAR?

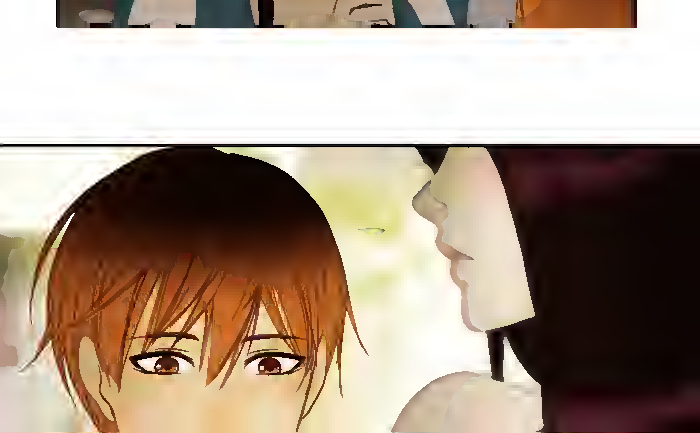

FOUND IT.

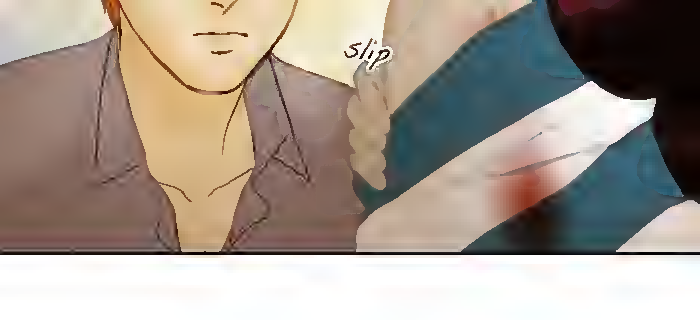

HEY... SO, UM... THE SHOP IS CLOSED TODAY. WHY'D YOU STOP BY?
HM? I REMEMBERED YOU WROTE A STICKY NOTE ON THE FRIDGE SAYING "IAN, STOP EATING ALL THE PUDDING."


SO I THOUGHT I'D BUY SOME MORE.
SHON, YOU'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RESTOCKING MY FRIDGE.
You don't live here.

ALRIGHT. LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT IT.



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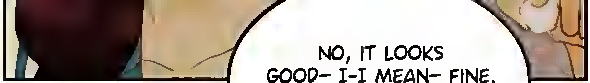
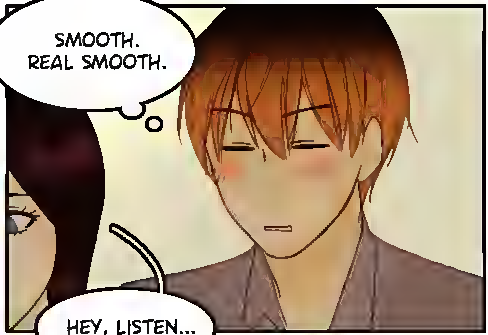
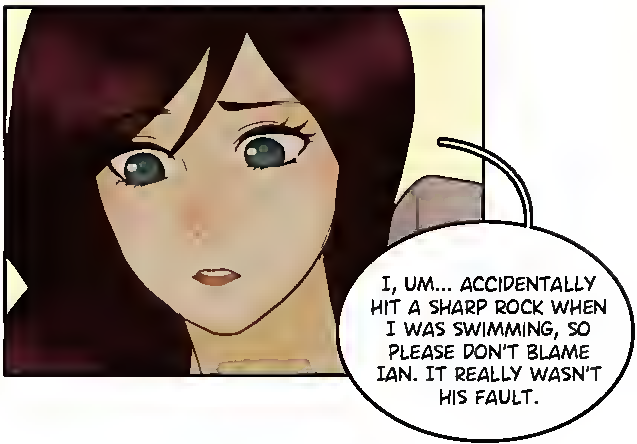
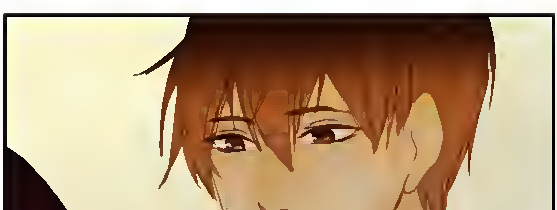
SHIFT
OKAY! HOW ABOUT YOU FACE THIS WAY AND I SIT HERE!
?

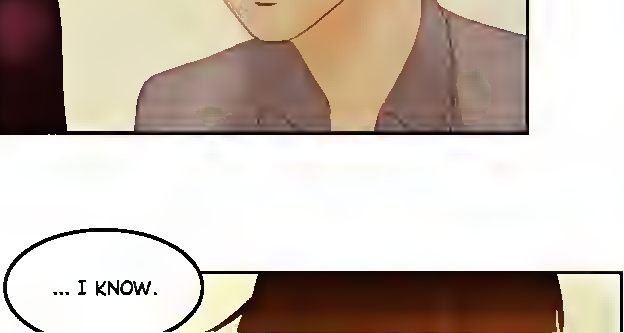
DOES IT LOOK BAD...?


NO, IT LOOKS GOOD- I-I MEAN- FINE. IT LOOKS NOT BAD.


SMOOTH. REAL SMOOTH.
HEY, LISTEN...


I, UM... ACCIDENTALLY HIT A SHARP ROCK WHEN I WAS SWIMMING, SO PLEASE DON'T BLAME IAN. IT REALLY WASN'T HIS FAULT.

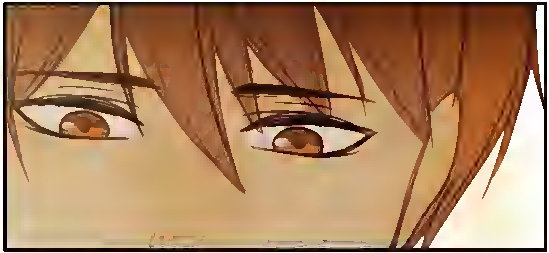


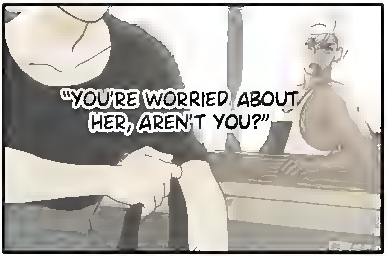

... I KNOW.

HONESTLY, I THINK THAT TOUGH GUY ACT IS

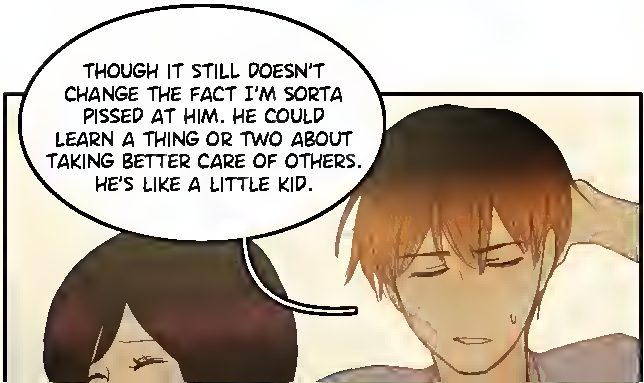
A DEFENSE MECHANISM HE USES TO HIDE THE FACT THAT HE ACTUALLY EMPATHIZES WITH PEOPLE.

... YOU THINK SO?




"YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HER, AREN'T YOU?"

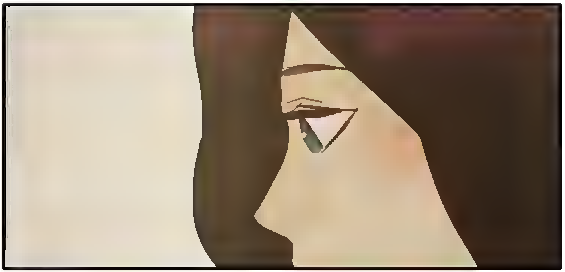
YEAH.


THOUGH IT STILL DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT I'M SORTA PISSED AT HIM. HE COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO ABOUT TAKING BETTER CARE OF OTHERS. HE'S LIKE A LITTLE KID.

HAHA YEAH...
DON'T BE SO HARD ON HIM THOUGH. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY FOR HIM TOO.

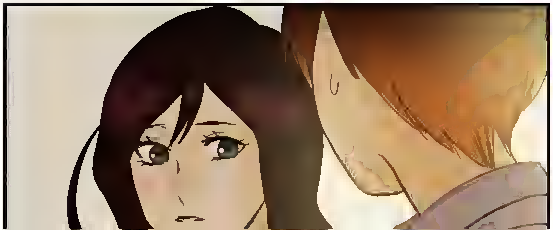
SHON HAS A POINT... SO MAYBE IAN DIDN'T REALLY MEAN WHAT HE SAID BACK THERE.

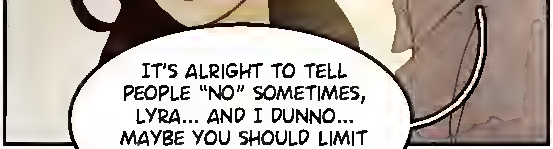
"I DID IT TO YOU,
DIDN'T I? WHAT MAKES YOU
THINK I WOULDN'T DO IT
AGAIN TO ANYONE ELSE?"



IT'S GOOD YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN HANGING OUT, BUT IAN CAN BE KIND OF

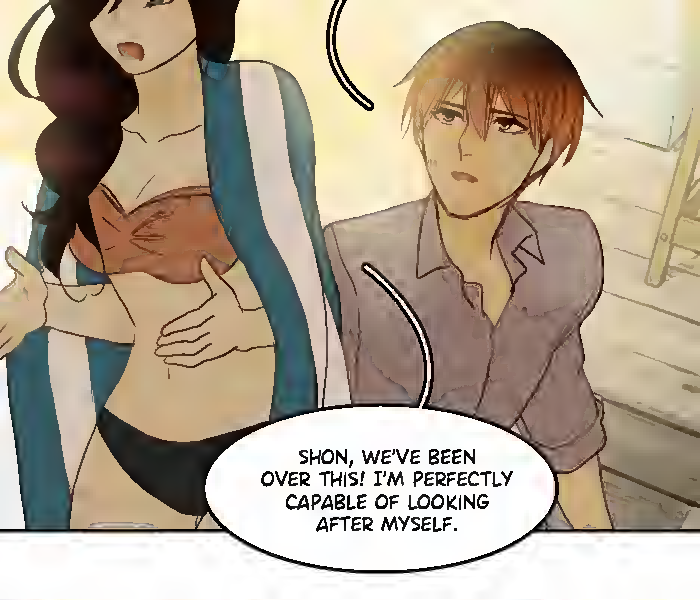
RECKLESS... AND I'VE NOTICED YOU'VE BEEN STRESSED LATELY.

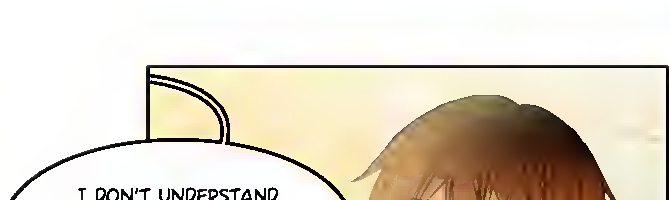


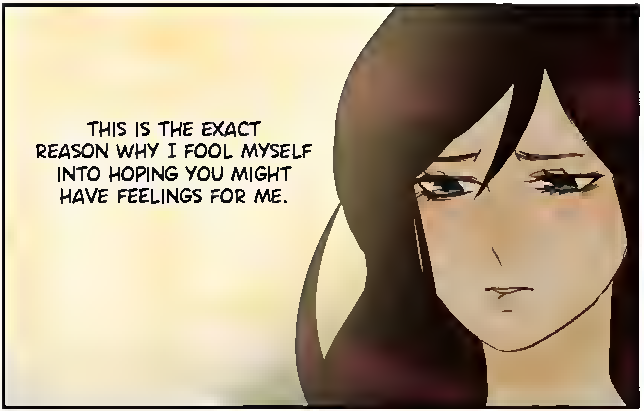

IT'S ALRIGHT TO TELL PEOPLE "NO" SOMETIMES, LYRA... AND I DUNNO... MAYBE YOU SHOULD LIMIT SPENDING YOUR TIME WITH HIM.

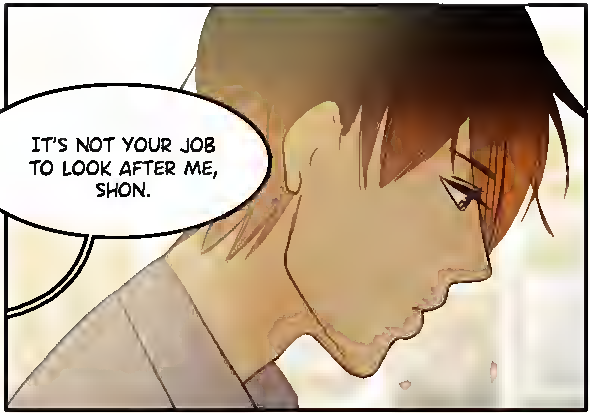
... ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY I'M SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME WITH IAN?

DON'T YOU THINK I CAN DETERMINE THAT FOR MYSELF?
I NEVER SAID THAT.


SHON, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS! I'M PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF LOOKING AFTER MYSELF.


I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE CONSTANTLY TREATING ME LIKE I'M– I'M... I DON'T KNOW!

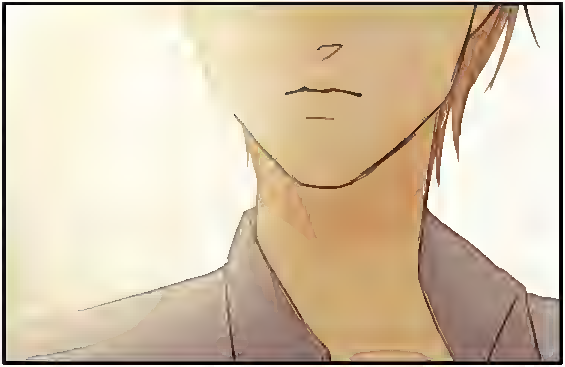

THIS IS THE EXACT REASON WHY I FOOL MYSELF INTO HOPING YOU MIGHT HAVE FEELINGS FOR ME.


IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO LOOK AFTER ME, SHON.

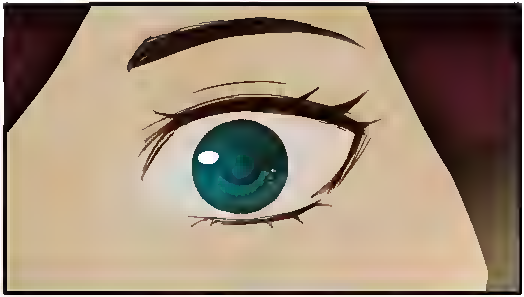
I'M NOT ONE OF YOUR SIBLINGS. I'M NOT KORI.

AND I'M CERTAINLY
NOT ALEAH.

I'M JUST...



I'M IN LOVE
WITH YOU.



LYRA, I...

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU.

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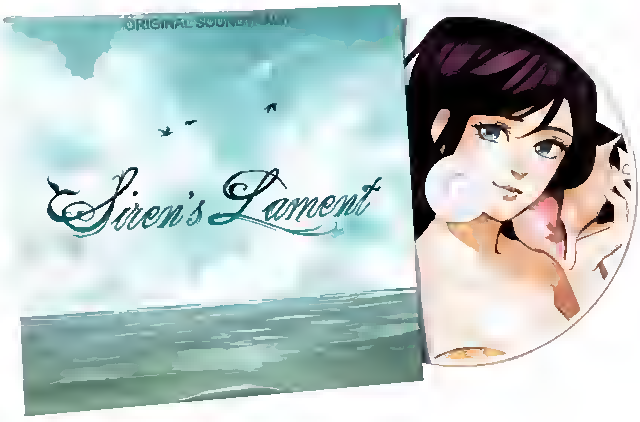

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